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1. INCIDENT CITED INVOLVED A U.S. NAVY P-3 AIRCRAFT ON ROUTINE ASW PATROL OFF EASTERN COAST OF LIBYA ON 16 SEP 73. NEAR INTERNATIONAL AIR CORRIDOR, ABOUT 130 MILES NORTH-NORTHWEST OF BENGHAZI AIRPORT, NAVY P-3 PICKED UP AND TRACKED BY RADAR TWO UNIDENTIFIED AIRCRAFT THAT CLOSED TO WITHIN THREE MILES. AIRCRAFT WERE NEVER VISUALLY IDENTIFIED AND AT NO TIME WAS THERE EVIDENCE OF HOSTILE INTENT. DURING PATROL, P-3 APPROACHED LIBYAN TERRITORY NO CLOSER THAN 82 MILES, NOR WAS IT EVER IN THE VICINITY OF HLR 22 BOUNDARY.

2. DEPARTMENT WILL KEEP EMBASSY INFORMED OF ANY PROPOSED U.S. MILITARY ACTIVITY WITHIN THE LIBYAN RESTRICTED AREA

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(HLR 22) AND ELSEWHERE WITHIN 50 MILES OFF THE LIBYAN

COAST. WE DO NOT BELIEVE IT NECESSARY OR FEASIBLE TO
NOTIFY EMBASSY OF ALL U.S. NAVAL/AIR MOVEMENTS THAT COULD
CONCEIVABLY RESULT IN LIBYAN ARMED FORCES REACTION BEYOND
AGREED AREA OF 50 MILES AND HLR 22. KISSINGER

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